

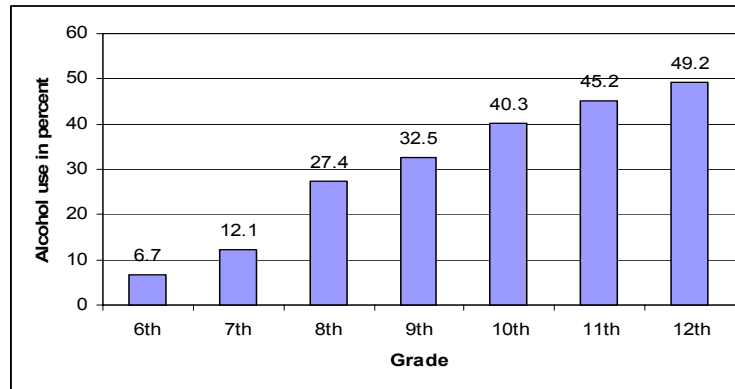
# Alcohol

## **Maine Drug Use Fact Sheet – April 2005** Community Epidemiology Surveillance Network (CESN)

Alcohol is still the predominant drug of abuse for Maine's population, among both youth and adults. Alcohol is associated with the three leading causes of death for youth and young adults – accidents of all types, suicide and homicide. The Office of Substance Abuse estimates that of the total cost of substance abuse in Maine, 70% was attributable to alcohol abuse.

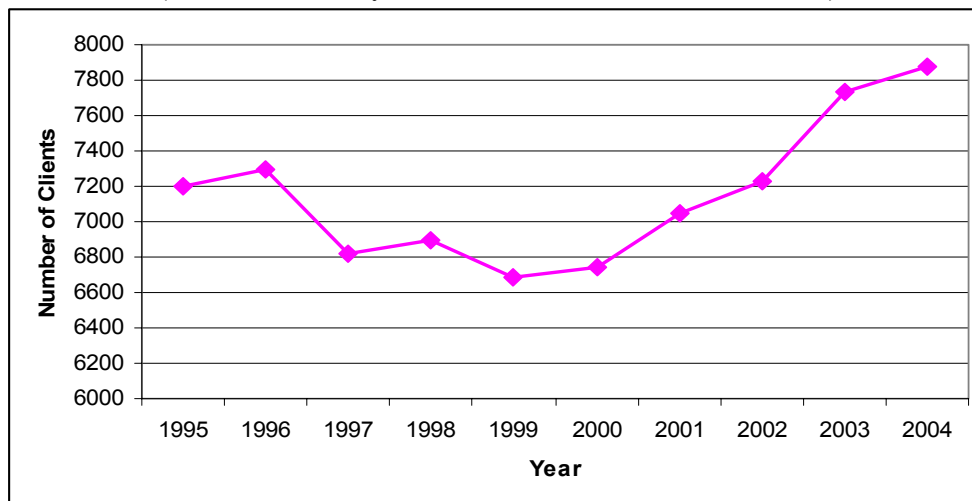
- ***49.2% of Maine 12<sup>th</sup> graders reported alcohol use in the past month.***

**Past-month alcohol use by grade, 2004  
(MYDAUS)**



- ***16.8% of those 18 or over report binge drinking. Young adults 18-24 have the highest percentage, 36.5%. (BRFSS, 2003).***
- ***The number of persons admitted for alcohol-related treatment has increased between 1999, with 6,681 admitted, and 2004, with 7,873.***

**Number of clients admitted for alcohol-related treatment, 1995-2004  
(Treatment Data System, Maine Office of Substance Abuse)**



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- *The proportion of clients admitted for alcohol related treatment in Maine has declined steadily, decreasing about 20% since 1995.*

**Proportion of clients admitted for alcohol related treatment, 1995-2004  
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